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QUIGLEY *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/780,179

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**For: Robust Techniques For Optimal  
Upstream Communication Between  
Cable Modem Subscribers And A  
Headend**

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Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: Ian N. Moore

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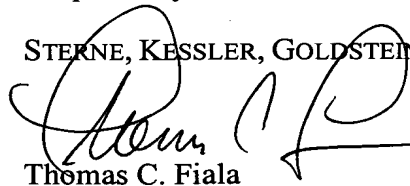
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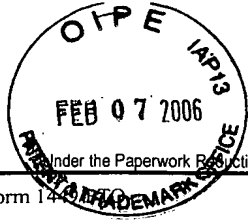


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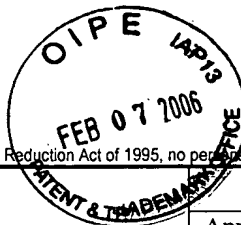
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